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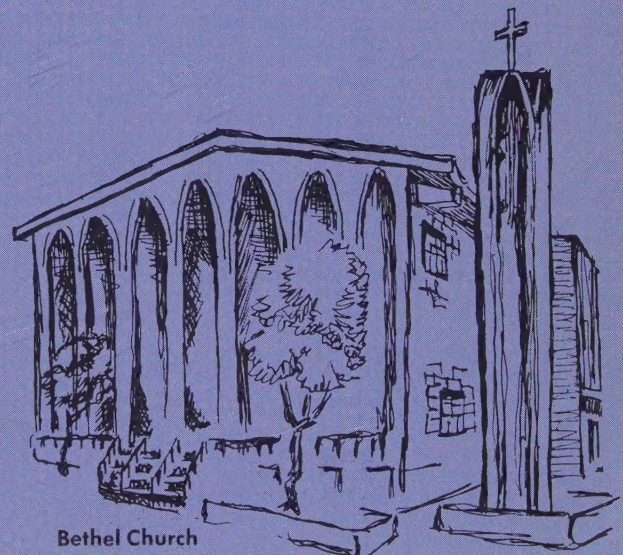
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GLAD Tidings

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PERSONAL or IMPERSONAL

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GUEST EDITORIAL

A knock on my door! I answered. There I met a lady, whom at first I suspected to be selling Watkins, or Avon products. She was well dressed, friendly and smiling. She lost no time—words were at her command. She desired to discuss matters of Bible “truth” with me. Immediately I recognized her as a Jehovah’s Witness.

As a gentleman I could not speak harshly to her or demand that she leave my door. I admired her zeal and perseverance in the face of my indifference. Then it came to me, I ought to know first hand at least one tenant of this cult. I led her to the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. She affirmed, “It is the energy of God—the impersonal power of God.” When I spoke of the Spirit as a Person, she immediately replied, “You believe in the Trinity. There is no Trinity of the Godhead. You have just been taught those things and perhaps you don’t know why you do believe that.”

But she was wrong. I do know why I believe in the Personality of the Holy Spirit. But as I thought on the matter, perhaps there are many Christians who accept the same doctrine as I do, but who are defenseless before such a smooth tongued perverter. For them I am writing.

These false doctrines are not to be thought of as originating with the Jehovahs Witnesses. The church has been plagued with heresy from the first century on. This denial of the Personality of the Spirit was proposed by Arius who reduced the blessed Third Person to the “exerted energy of God”—wholly impersonal. But we need not be disturbed by heretics, the Word is explicit.

1. *His Personality is Affirmed by His Attributes.* The very inherent qualities of His being demand personality. The Scriptures affirm that He exercises moral sovereign will comparable to that of the Father and Son. I. Cor. 12:11 declares that He, the Spirit, divides to every man spiritual gifts, “as he will.” Mind, intelligence and personality are seen in such a statement. What impersonal energy is called, “he” or possesses a will? Is not even our own bodily energy subject to our will and our mind? There is no will or intelligence without personality.

He possesses life. (Rom. 8:2) No mere influence possesses life with its attributes. Personality is always associated with human life.

2. *His Personality is Affirmed by His Works:* Energy may be used to

perform work, yet it cannot perform any kind of service without intelligent direction.

This presupposes personality. Note that He, the Spirit, was operative in Creation, Genesis 1:2.

In Acts 2:4 we note that when they were filled with the Spirit they began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. These were real languages—the result of divine intelligence. Could energy possess intelligence without personality? Impossible.

Of all the ministries of the Holy Spirit, His teaching work demands intelligence. John 16:13. Jesus said, “When He, the Spirit of truth, is come. . .” and I accept His testimony. The Spirit is a person. Let Christ be true and ever Jehovah’s Witness a liar!

He is our Guide, through this dark world, leading us to our eternal home. “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” Romans 8:14. Would it not be dangerous to trust your soul to be led by an impersonal effluence? He is a real Person, guiding, upholding and ministering to the Bride of Christ, the church, as she prepares to meet her Lord. The bride may have books of instruction, but she is personally attended by the Maid or Matron-of-Honor who sees to it that every detail is in readiness for the wedding. So the Father has sent His Spirit to personally prepare the Bride for His Son.

He is our Comforter. Personality is ascribed to Him in John 14:26. Intelligent teaching and power to recall the words of Jesus, both presuppose a real person.

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Personal or Impersonal

(from page 2)

He is our intercessor. Paul tells us in Romans 8:26 that the Spirit himself maketh intercession. Could a lawyer be only an impersonal energy? The thought is preposterous! The more we examine the work of the Holy Spirit, the more we discover the truth of His Personality.

What could convince the world of sin, righteousness and judgment? What kind of impersonal force could assume such a job? He, the Spirit, has accepted the assignment. John 15:8.

He is the restrainer of sin. "When the enemy shall come in like a flood the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." Isaiah 59:19. He is no automatic, impersonal, magic-eye, operating as an energy mechanically directed. He is the defense of the feeblest child of God. His personal protection assures them against the enemy.

To sum up the argument of His works, no impersonal energy ever creates, empowers, teaches, guides, intercedes, or restrains. Hence, we must accept His Personality.

Only one more argument need be given.

3. *His Personality is Affirmed by the use of Personal Pronouns.*

An intelligent study of the Word of God is one which considers the grammatical structure and use of words. The Greek text uses the masculine pronouns in reference to the Spirit. Even the casual English reader will be impressed by this usage. One example from Jesus' own words should be sufficient. "Howbeit when *He* the Spirit of Truth, is come, *He* will guide you into all truth, for *He* shall not speak of *himself*, but whatsoever *He* shall hear that shall *He* speak and *He* will show you things to come." John 16:13. Seven times in one passage our Lord affirms the Personality of the Holy Spirit. Is this not enough for the earnest seeker after truth?

My friend appeared at nearly noon, and we didn't have time to discuss it fully, but when she returns, if she does, the truth, His Word, may speak for Him personally.

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ADMINISTRATIVELY SPEAKING

Q. Do you believe the "Pastor's Prayer" is important to his congregation?

A. This is beautifully answered in a recent item written by Rev. L. E. Halvorson, District Superintendent, Southern California.

"I LOVE TO HEAR THE PASTOR PRAY . . . so do the members of the congregation, for he is their leader—their shepherd.

No other can successfully take his place in this solemn and holy ministry. Others in the congregation may pray as ably, or even more fluently, but that is not the point. It isn't eloquence of diction or the beauty of expressing thoughts in words; it is the heart beat of their pastor that reaches them, and with it brings hope, strength and encouragement.

Oh, that all pastors would realize how important and sacred is the pastoral prayer. There are those in the congregation who wait with expectancy for that part of the service. To some, it could be the most important moment of the day.

Quite often I observe pastors calling on members of the congregation to lead in the pastoral prayer. Too frequently it is a disappointing experience. They are either unprepared, lack the burden of the moment or are unable to lead a waiting congregation to the throne of grace. Not always, of course, for we have many

consecrated, capable persons in our churches.

But no one knows the need and burden of the people as does the pastor. It is he who has been alone with God in their behalf, and in preparation of his message. His heart is prepared to lead his people in worship and supplication. Who should be more qualified than he?

Likely enough the members of the congregation expect the pastor to offer the pastoral prayer. (Call it ritual if you wish . . . there are those of us who consider it a sacred and holy act of worship.)

I remember many years ago, before I had responded to the call of God into the ministry, a time of waiting for our new pastor. He had been appointed but there was a waiting period of about four weeks before he could come to us. We were without an interim pastor, although the pulpit was filled with a capable minister each Sunday.

What a thrill that first service after his arrival, when he lifted his strong voice and tender heart to God in behalf of the flock he had come to serve. We were edified and greatly blessed by his strong and fervent prayer that seemed to reach the very throne of God. We took new courage for a new day and a new experience lay before us. Now we were secure—our pastor was in charge and all was well!"

In Memoriam

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to the family of Reverend D. L. Brown who went to be with the Lord on January 29th. Brother Brown was one of our superannuated ministers and was living in Burney at the time of his death. We pray that God shall give comfort and solace to the family and friends of this faithful Christian warrior.



TOP DISTRICTS FOR 1965

Eastern	\$24,871.48
So. California	22,496.39
No. California	21,410.73

Average Number of churches of Northern California-Nevada District giving in 1965 (Per mo.) 91

Percentage of District churches cooperating in 1965 27%
Send all REVIVALTIME contributions to P.O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.

DISTRICT COUNCIL - MARCH 7-10 - SAN JOSE

Below you have a preview of the full program that will afford many blessings for all who attend -- don't miss it!

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Monday, March 7

- 10:00 a.m.—District Presbyters Meeting, Bethel Church
1670 Moorpark Ave., San Jose
7:00 p.m.—VICTORY BANQUET
Dr. C. E. Britton, Speaker
“Light-for-the-Lost”—Men’s Fellowship Dept.
McCabe Hall—Civic Aud.—Market & San Carlos

Tuesday, March 8

- Annual WMC Day—Civic Aud.—Market & San Carlos
10:00 a.m.—Billie Davis, Speaker
1:00 p.m.—Penny Parade
7:00 p.m.—ANNUAL C. A. RALLY, Civic Auditorium
Featuring: Bethany Bible College Music
Evangelist Willard Cantelon, Speaker

Wednesday, March 9 — Bethel Church

- 9:00 a.m.—Memorial Communion Service
Business Session
Noon — WMC Luncheon, Golden Doors, Los Gatos
Rd., Mrs. Mari Neeley, Speaker, M. F. Luncheon, Smorgas Int’l., Stevens Creek and Saratoga
Sheriff Galyen, Speaker
1:30 p.m.—Business Session
3:00 p.m.—Annual Bethany Bible College
Corporation Meeting
7:00 p.m.—Ordination Service
Rev. Orie L. Robinson, Speaker

Thursday, March 10 — Bethel Church

- 9:00 a.m.—Business Session
Noon — CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Luncheon
Nat Olson, Speaker, Lou’s Village, San Jose
1:30 p.m.—Business Session
5:00 p.m.—Adjournment of Business Sessions
7:00 p.m.—World Outreach Presentation
Rev. Orie L. Robinson, Speaker

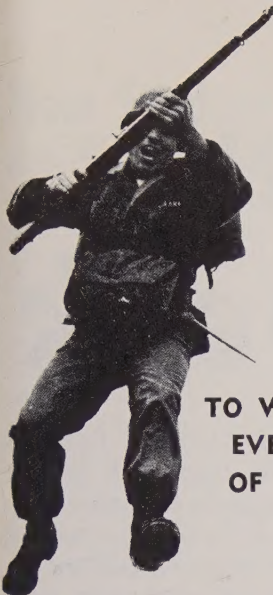


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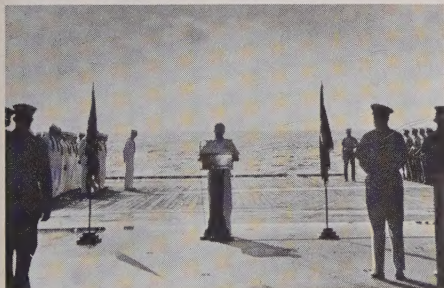
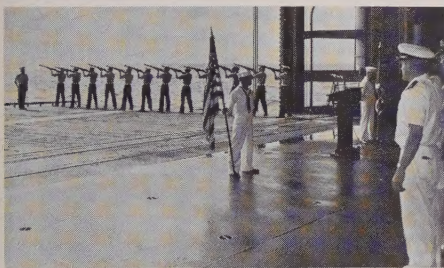
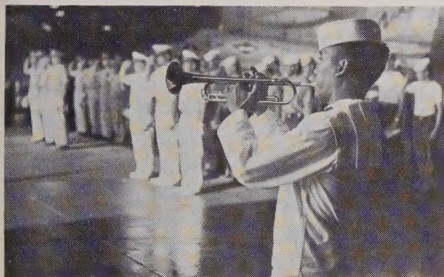
LET'S GET OUR
YOUNG MEN

COMBAT READY

TO WITHSTAND
EVERY ENEMY
OF THE SOUL!



WITH CHAPLAIN PLANK ABOARD
THE U.S.S. HANCOCK



—U. S. Navy Photo

A BUGLE BLOWS as the USS Hancock silently plies its way through the waters of the South China Sea. CHAPLAIN DAVID W. PLANK and the men aboard the aircraft carrier pause, with saddened hearts and solemn faces, to pay tribute to buddies who have given their lives for the sake of others. The pictures were taken during memorial services conducted by CHAPLAIN PLANK on Sunday, January 23rd and Monday, January 24th.

You can live for God in the service
you *can* live for God in the service
you can *live* for God in the service
you can live *for God* in the service
you can live for God *in the service!*

By CHARLES TURNER

As the train pulled away from my hometown and friends bade me farewell, I prayed I could live up to the words I had just uttered, "I believe a person can live for God anywhere."

These words were meant to reassure my boss. He was concerned about the fate of my spiritual condition. He firmly believed a young man's Christian life was doomed in military service. But I had a deep conviction one could live for the Lord anywhere.

Forty months after I left home, I emerged from the Air Force a more powerful Christian than when I went in. God proved His strength to me in every situation, and I proved to myself and my friends that one can be a Christian under any circumstances.

Instead of passing on a torch, I would like to offer you my checklist. I believe it will help you live for God

wherever you are.

1. Serve God from your heart. Don't serve Him to impress others. Live for Christ because you love him.

2. Attend services at every opportunity. God will speak to you through His Word.

3. Maintain your private devotions. Church is not enough. As you are quiet before the Lord, He will teach you.

4. Help others who are in need. Get next to the discouraged or homesick person and point him to Christ as his comfort.

5. Don't be self-righteous. Never be pious to the point of becoming obnoxious. This makes the Lord seem unattractive.

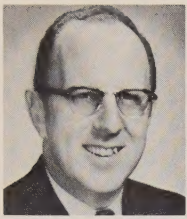
6. Take a stand. If you sit around and hope no one will notice you're a Christian, you won't be disappointed, but the Lord will! C. A. Herald.

"Under A Thatched Roof"

CHAPLAIN LEONARD AHRNSBRAK reports from Vietnam . . . "Conditions here are primitive . . . My billet is . . . where they bring the wounded and the dead. From here they are evacuated. . . . occasionally we get 'mass casualties' . . . Suddenly I became aware of the need of the strengthening power of the Holy Spirit. Heretofore death and injury were real, to be sure, but so antiseptically clean and rather remote. Here, however, it is raw, open, and constant. Do, please, continue to keep us in your prayer that Almighty God will enable us to maintain the balance needed for this unique ministry. One could either grieve himself to death or become calloused, either of which would be detrimental both to the individual and to those to whom he ministers. With God's help the right balance of compassion and detachment that is needed to be effective in this ministry will be gained. . . . We are having a thatched chapel built by the Vietnamese nationals . . . (My earliest recollection of church as a boy was

in a brush arbor — now nearly thirty years later I find *the presence of God under a thatched roof nearly half-way around the world.*) . . ." (Ed. Note: Chaplain Ahrensbrak is a member of the Northern California-Nevada District and former associate Pastor of Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco.)





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FRED J. GREVE, DIRECTOR

COMMISSIONS MEET

Fifty persons, serving on ten important Commissions related to the Christian Education Department, met in their first "planning council" recently. The entire day was characterized by a high level of excitement and challenge.

The council began with a united session in which District Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart challenged the group of preachers and lay persons to the importance of their new task. The ten commissions worked through the morning hours, paused for a delightful luncheon, and then resumed work in the afternoon. The sessions closed with each Commission giving an abstract of their findings.

6 Rev. Fred Greve, department director, reported that this is the first attempt at such a program in the movement. The commissions are:

1. Sunday School Development
2. Training and Indoctrination
3. Vacation Bible Schools
4. Child Evangelism
5. Boys and Girls Bible Camps
6. Christian Day Schools
7. Public School Teachers
8. Ministerial In-Service Training
9. Research
10. Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade.

Loyalty Campaign

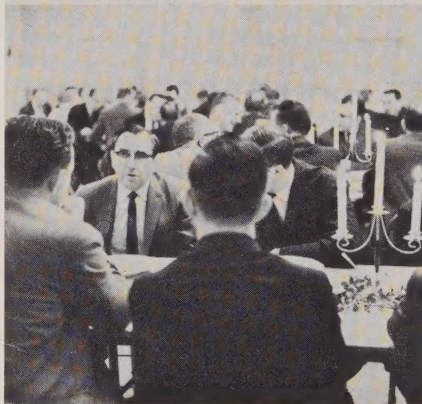
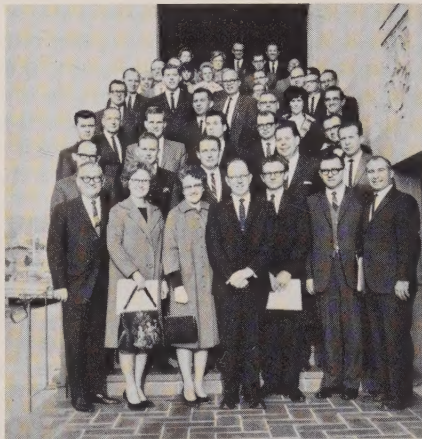
The annual Loyalty Campaign for all Sunday Schools will be conducted April 17 to May 29 with the theme, "Follow Truth." The planning aids are in the hands of all pastors in the March "Advance." Ask your pastor for further information.



- 1) Members of all Ten Commissions meet in Oakland.
- 2) Pastor Kermit Jeffrey, excited, generates ideas even at luncheon.
- 3) Research Commission meets around a coffee pot.
- 4) Commission on Christian Day Schools ponders problems.

Photos by Gerhart

Nat Olson To Speak



Nat Olson, America's foremost writer of Gospel tracts will be the featured speaker at the Christian Education Luncheon during the coming District Council. The luncheon will be on Thursday, March 10, at 12:15 noon and it is designed to be of interest to all persons: pastors, pastors' wives, evangelists, Sunday School teachers and officers, and parents.

Nat Olson is presently Research Editor for the Haven of Rest broadcast. He is the author of 75 Gospel tracts with a combined circulation of over 20 million copies. He is also the author of the best-selling book, "How to Win Your Family to Christ" which is available in English and Spanish. A graduate of Central Bible Institute, Olson also has done work at Bob Jones University and Evangel College. He is a member of First Assembly of God in North Hollywood.

Topic for the fast-paced luncheon will be "Will the Christian Home Fail?" There will be approximately 250 tickets available, so you should make plans now to attend.

EXCITING EVENTS COMING

- March 10—Nat Olson Luncheon
- April 17-May 29—Loyalty Campaign
- April 7—Christian Teachers' Convention
- April 16—Regional VBS Workshop, Turlock
- April 23—Regional VBS Workshop, Sacramento
- June 6-10—West Coast A.C.T.S., Santa Cruz.

New Student Center At San Jose

College Campus Ministries rejoices over the birth of its second center. Through the vision of the Northern California-Nevada District Council, under the leadership of the C.A. Department and College Campus Ministries, our district now has the first two Chi Alpha student centers in the nation. Chi Alpha is the Assemblies of God ministry to its college students on secular campuses.

The Berkeley Student Center was opened to minister to students at the University of California in the fall of 1964. This work has had a real testimony to the saving power of the gospel on the Berkeley campus. Dick Williams serves as the director of the center, as well as being the Field Director for all Chi Alpha activities in the district. Mel Boring, a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, serves as assistant director in Berkeley.

Just six months ago a second center was opened at San Jose State College. San Jose State has almost 20,000 students and is the largest of the California state colleges. The center is a beautiful building located just four blocks east of the campus. It has facilities to house eleven men students on a room and board basis. The center has a ministry to both men and women who attend San Jose State.

The fact that the center is filled to capacity is a real testimony to the hand of God, since at present in San Jose there is an over abundance of housing.

The director of the new center is Ray White, a licensed minister of the district. Ray is a graduate of Southern California College, San Jose State College, and is presently on leave from a nearby seminary.

The blessing of the Lord has been great on the work. Many students testify to the spiritual uplift they have received by way of the center. Several have been brought to the Lord

RANKING LOST IN S.T.L. DESPITE RECORD YEAR

After ranking second in the nation for five consecutive years, the Northern California-Nevada District Christ's Ambassadors have slipped into third place in total Speed-the-Light giving for the year 1965.

A record high, however, was reached with 213 district churches contributing \$39,951.91, more than \$5,000.00 over any previous year. This represents a doubling in district Speed-the-Light giving in five years.

Taking second place in the nation for 1965 is the North Texas district which was credited with \$40,155.79; and, for the 16th consecutive year, the Southern California district leads the nation with \$91,615.80.

All C. A. groups which have contributed more than \$1,000.00 to Speed-the-Light during 1965 will be awarded plaques by D-CAP Steve Asmuth in the March 8th rally in the San Jose Civic Auditorium. Those which are receiving the national honor awards for the second or third time are indicated. Congratulations to these fine churches:

Santa Clara, Neigh.	(3)	\$3,058.35
El Sobrante	(3)	2,766.16
Salida	(3)	2,000.00
Live Oak	(2)	1,200.00
Hayward, Bethel		1,150.00
Sunnyvale	(2)	1,142.96
Seaside	(2)	1,102.50
San Leandro	(3)	1,100.85
Escalon	(3)	1,002.93

through the outreach of the center. Assemblies of God, and other Pentecostal college students are uniting in prayer, Bible study, discussion groups and evangelism activities.

The ministry of Chi Alpha is still in its infancy and has need of much prayer and financial assistance from individuals and churches with an interest in evangelizing the college campus. The opportunities are tremendous. The future leaders of our nation are within reach. Christian



CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS
STEPHEN ASMUTH, President

CA YOUTH RALLY AT DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 3,000-seat Civic Auditorium, at Market and San Carlos in San Jose, is the site of the annual Christ's Ambassadors youth rally, in connection with the District Council Convention. On Tuesday, March 8th, at 7:00 p.m., the youth event will feature the music of Bethany Bible College's Ambassadors Choir and the dynamic speaking of internationally known evangelist Willard Cantelon.

Highly regarded as a youth convention and missionary evangelism speaker, Rev. Cantelon has recently completed an extensive series of meetings abroad. He will be bringing pertinent facts concerning the international situation and its relationships to young people today.

The 30-voice Ambassador choir, under the direction of Dave Peters, will represent Bethany Bible College, and will present a package of musical selections.

Annual Speed-the-Light honor award plaques will be presented the nine churches which in 1965 gave over \$1,000.00 to this missionary program of the C.A.'s.

Evangelism will be the keynote emphasis, and we pray many young people will respond to the gospel message.

teachers, engineers, lawyers and politicians will win many to Christ through their influence. The challenge is here; it must not be neglected. Send all offerings and pledges to the District Office, designated for Campus Ministries.

Chi Alpha Student Center directors are anxious to minister to the college need in every way possible. They will be glad to come to your church with a team of students who will testify and tell of the work going on at our centers. Please contact them at either of the following addresses: Rev. Richard Williams, or Mel Boring, 2532 College Avenue, Berkeley, California 94704; or Ray White, 104 South 13th Street, San Jose, California 95112.

Attend The Fifth Annual YOUTH LEADERS CONFERENCE

INVITED:	Pastors, youth ministers, counselors, C. A. officers, committee chairmen, and all youth leaders.
DATES:	Conference begins at 8:00 p.m., Fri., March 18, and concludes at 4:30 p.m., Sat., March 19.
LOCATION:	The beautiful Edgewater Inn Garden Hotel, Hegenberger Rd. at Nimitz Fry. (Hwy. 17), Oakland.
CONTACT:	Your pastor or C. A. president, or write P.O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, for reservations.

CHURCH NEWS

TUOLUMNE—

"A precious time with the Lord, is the best way to describe our past three weeks of services with Bro. and Sis. Don McCleerey of San Pedro. The Lord answered many prayers and four persons committed their lives to the Lord, two were reclaimed, and two miracles of healing occurred during the meetings.

The McCleerey's visited the Motherlode Christian School in a nearby area and ministered to the children. Many visitors have attended the Assembly recently . . . Pastor James W. Pitts.

HIGHWAY CITY—

Highway City recently closed four weeks of revival with Evangelist Al Lewis of Chico. The church has just completed its second building program on the new location at 4710 N. Polk St.

The monthly fellowship meeting convened in this Assembly recently with the Eldon Easter family, missionary guest speakers. Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart officiated at the dedication of the new facilities. . . Pastor E. M. McKim.

FALLON, NEVADA—

Monday evening we had a C. A. Rally here and it was the best we have ever had! Wonderful attendance. A crowd somewhere between 110 and 120.

Rev. Fred Greve will be returning to us again this year to conduct the annual Training Course, "So Send I You." . . . Pastor T. E. Fourn.

LINCOLN —

Pastor Carl W. Oney recently resigned after almost seven years of ministry in the Lincoln Assembly. During the years here, the church enjoyed a splendid increase numerically and in facilities. The Lincoln Ministerial Association presented lovely gifts to Rev. and Mrs. Oney. They were also honored by the Capital Section as well as by the Lincoln Assembly.

CHOWCHILLA—

First Assembly recently closed a three-weeks revival with Evangelist Don Martin. The revival spirit continues. The Assembly recently bought new carpets and a new Baldwin Organ. . . Pastor Floyd W. Baker.

ATWATER ASSEMBLY

Reverend Carl W. Oney, who pastored the Lincoln Full Gospel church for almost seven years, has accepted the call to pastor the Atwater Assembly.

GALT ASSEMBLY

Many improvements have been made including new pews, wall-to-wall carpeting, heating and air-conditioning system, indirect lighting and newly painted sanctuary and Sunday School class rooms. Guest speakers have included Gordon Jaus, Lyle Steenis, Robert D. Clark and Louis Roggow. Our new Bible-Club breakfast for teenagers has been a wonderful success. Thirty-one of our C. A's enjoyed a 3-day Retreat in the snow recently . . . Pastor Milton Woods.

ANDERSON ASSEMBLY—

A joint-training course was held with five Assemblies of the Area co-operating and Rev. Melvin Steward as instructor. The course "So Send I You" was completed with approximately 100 certificates being issued to those who satisfactorily finished the required work.

Paul Pipkin, Missionary to Asia, held a one-day Missionary meeting in the Anderson Assembly with new goals and pledges in the amount of \$4,000 being set for missionary giving for the year of 1966 . . . Pastor Eugene Lawrence.



The Douglas Ramsey family is now engaged in evangelistic meetings following several years as Pastors of the First Assembly of God of Eureka, California. Their present address is 652 Crestview Loop, Grants Pass, Oregon.

PORTOLA ASSEMBLY—

This Assembly has enjoyed a real increase in attendance and spiritual revival during the past few months. The average attendance has nearly doubled . . . Pastor Otis Frost.

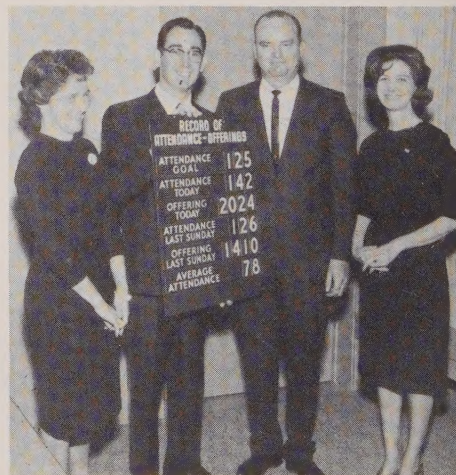
PINOLE ASSEMBLY OF GOD



Left to right: Pastor Myatt, Silas Coats, James Plunkett, Lloyd Webb, Bill Barkley, Martha Stifel.

This Honda motorcycle is to be presented to Missionary Jacob Kocker for his work in Liberia, West Africa. When conducting services here recently, Reverend Kocker related how he and his wife walked one-hundred miles to a remote jungle area to minister. The chief had sent a delegation of men to the Kockers three times, a total distance of six-hundred miles on foot to ask them to come to their village. The Kockers worked among the people in that village for six months before returning to their regular mission station.

After hearing the story, members of the Pinole Assembly wanted to do something. The local Honda dealers cooperated with the Assembly and the vehicle was purchased for Reverend Kocker. . .



Left to right: Imogene Barkley, S. S. Supt., Pastor Myatt, Rev. and Mrs. Jackson.

New attendance records were reached during a two-week revival campaign with Rev. and Mrs. Robert Jackson of Mansfield, Missouri. . . Pastor Lehman Myatt.

HOME MISSIONS —

February is Home Missions' month in Northern California and Nevada. Members of the Home Missions Board presented this program throughout the District during the month.

Our Minuteman program of building new churches is working to its limit. However, it should be remembered that completed new churches still need assistance. Most Home Missions congregations are unable to carry their operational expense and bank payment. Pledged monthly support is needed until a congregation can meet its own budgets. Marina is an example. They are in their new building with good prospects but need help for the operational budget.

The Home Missions Board is working on a program for migrant evangelism. Individuals have been doing this work but a coordinated effort under District program is needed. We hope to present such a program in the near future.

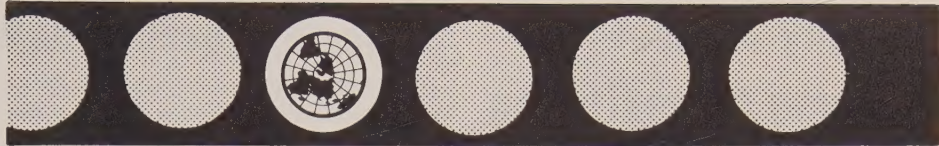
The East Bay Section churches are doing a great work in the Oakland Rescue Mission under the leadership of Louella Johnson. Such missions do not have funds for operational expense. Money sent to them through the District office will receive full credit.

Other aspects of the Home Missionary work will be presented later.

**MOUNT TABOR MISSIONS—
South Africa**

"At this writing, we are both in good health. Often we have sensed the remarkable keeping power of God and have known that someone was praying for us. A while ago, the tractor overturned, pinning David underneath. By some miracle of grace, he simply crawled out, unharmed. Such situations serve to reassure us that there is yet much work to be done and that only with your continued prayers can it be accomplished. What does 1966 hold for Basutoland? We dare not imagine. But with our hands—yours and ours—linked in those of Christ, we *shall* be "more than conquerors through Him that loved us"!David and Gretchen Kast.

CHARLES E. GREENAWAY, Resident Secretary for Europe has appealed for English Bible dictionaries, commentaries, concordances, and study books on church history and Pentecostal doctrine. Address books to Charles E. Greenaway, 61 Avenue du Derby Brussels 5, Belgium. Three or four books to a package and marked "Books - Gift."



MISSIONS ITEMS

Manila, Philippines—

Next Sunday (Jan. 16) we will be opening the doors to our new Calvary Assemblies of God. — Cal and Olive Zeissler.



Rev. Calvin & Olive Zeissler, Cynthia 10; Douglas, 9; Coleen 6; Dwight, 3; Bryan, 2. (Portrait taken Dec., 1965).

John Pecks

The John Pecks have just returned to Mexico after enjoying their first furlough in thirteen years. They expressed pleasure for the warm welcome they received and the response to the needs of their work.

The need for Sunday Schools and prepared teachers and workers has so impressed itself upon their hearts that they expect to devote their time to conducting classes for training teachers and workers and also to the preparation of materials to be used in the Sunday Schools.

Their address for the present will be Apartado 341, Acapulco, Gro. Mexico.



Rev. and Mrs. John Peck

MALAWI—Central Africa

The Wheeler Andersons are now located at their new station in Limbe, Malawi (P.O. Box 156). They report having visited with the Paul Wrights enroute to Limbe.

BANGALORE—South India

"You will remember the S.O.S. I sent last year for Brother Gerhart's Annual Report to the District Council Convention. The young man who wanted to use it in his University paper has won **FIRST PLACE** out of forty contestants from all of the Colleges in Bangalore. (We have six or eight). He won first place on his selection of topic, on information gathered and upon delivery. This took the form of a forum, and after he delivered his speech he had to be able to answer questions on his material for twenty minutes. He comes to our church. So this was a fine record for a Christian amongst the Hindus and the Muslims." Missionary Helen Dillingham.

HELEN RYE is recuperating from surgery in Guadalajara, Mexico. It has been evident for some time that this corrective work must be done and she initiated the step by contacting a noted orthopedic surgeon on her way home from Jamaica. The same type of surgery that he prescribed was also called for by a surgeon in San Francisco. Consent was given for the work to be done and Helen is through the ordeal and now settled in a motel near the hospital. Her strength is improving though there is much pain in her hip. Pray that her condition will improve and that no further surgery will be needed.

PAUL AND MIRIAM WRIGHT report on the October closing of the Bible School. Roofing, special nails and washers arrived in time for the chapel to be completed before closing school for vacation. Plastering and painting are to be finished before the new semester beginning in March.

HAROLD AND NAOMI LEHMANN write of the revival spirit manifest in North Ghana during the Christmas season. In several services held a number were converted.

Bethany Achieves Regional Accreditation

On January 21, word was received from Dr. Francis H. Herrick, Executive Secretary of the Western Regional Accrediting Association that Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, California has been accepted by that organization for accreditation as a private professional college. The letter from Dr. Herrick said, "You will be pleased to know that initial accreditation of Bethany College has been granted . . . by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities." Bethany's President, Dr. Cordas C. Burnett, on the receipt of this notification, immediately announced it to the jubilant student body.

Application for accreditation was first submitted to the Western Association of Schools and Colleges on October 1964. After an extensive self evaluation by the college, a further examination by a team of five educators took place in November, 1965. This team reported to the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges when they met in Oakland on January 17 and 18. Bethany's President met with the Commission on that date, but did not know the results of their deliberations until he received the letter on January 21.

Bethany Bible College, which has been located in Santa Cruz for the past sixteen years, is now in its 47th continuous year of operation. The college was begun in San Francisco in 1919 as a training institute for Christian workers and was known as Glad Tidings Bible Institute. Since that time, the college has continued to expand and to improve itself academically. In 1959 Bethany was granted accreditation by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, the professional accrediting association for such schools. The college continues to enjoy this status.

Since its inception, Bethany has graduated some 1900 persons. The four-year degree program was introduced in 1955 and thus far 214 Bachelor degrees have been awarded.

Dr. Cordas C. Burnett came to Bethany as President in 1959 from Springfield, Missouri, where he had oversight of the entire education program of the Assemblies of God as Secretary of Education. In addition to his tasks as President of the Col-

Musicale, Queen, Games Brighten Homecoming

From far and near alumni of Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, gathered for a time of renewed fellowship on the campus of their alma mater, February 4-5, 1966. Every graduating class with the exception of four were represented by those who gathered for the varied program.

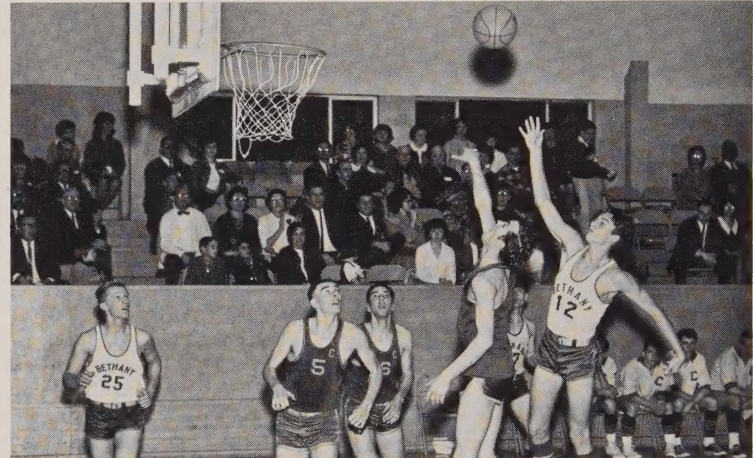
Activities officially got underway with a musicale presented by Bethany students and lead by the Director of Music for the college, Dave Peters. Following this inspiring program, alumni and friends gathered for the college's first Homecoming basketball game with the Bethany Parsons in competition with Concordia Lutheran

Canby, Oregon, chosen by the Sophomore class; Miss Lana Frerichs, Portland, Oregon, Freshman class representative; and Miss Joanne James from Vancouver, British Columbia, was selected by the college basketball team.

After the thrilling game, the alumni were received in the Presidents' Reception by the President of Bethany Bible College, Dr. Cordas C. Burnett, and by the President of the Alumni Association, the Reverend Melvin "Bud" Johnson.

Saturday's activities were highlighted by: an old-fashioned chapel service in which Dr. Burnett min-

Alumni students and friends enjoy the Homecoming basketball game, Bethany Parsons vs. Concordia College. Bethany won, 97 to 87.



College from Oakland. After jumping to an early lead, the Parsons had all they could do to keep ahead of the ever pressing Concordia team. At the final buzzer, the Parsons sparked by the cheers of students and alumni found victory in their grasp by the score of 87 to 97.

Another first for this year's Homecoming was the coronation of a queen representing the Student Body for the entire Homecoming program. This year's queen was Miss Lori Holcomb, a senior majoring in Christian Education who comes from the Northern California town of El Dorado. Others chosen for the Homecoming court were: Miss Linda Loofbourrow, Pomona, California, representing the Junior class; Miss Sandi Bedwell,

istered; a play, "The Curious Savage," performed by the Bethany Players; and the annual alumni banquet. The Homecoming program and the banquet were culminated by a panel of four loyal Bethany supporters: the Reverend Floyd Thomas '38, pastor of Glad Tidings Temple in San Francisco; Mr. Gary Hall '62, principal of the Hawthorn Christian School in Fresno; Dean Elmer Kirsch, from the college; and Mr. Ron Inman, a senior student at Bethany. This group encouraged alumni to do more for their alma mater in the three areas of spiritual support, promotion, and financial giving.

Numerous comments were received expressing favor with the increased state of activities.

lege, Dr. Burnett holds a number of executive positions in other organizations. For twelve years he has served as Secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals, and interdenominational church organization representing some 10 million persons. Locally, he is active in civic affairs and serves as President of the Scotts Valley County Water District.

Bethany is coeducational, and the fall semester's enrollment stood at 406 students, who have come from twenty-two states and fourteen foreign countries. There are nine Assemblies of God colleges located across the nation. Bethany is the third college to receive regional accreditation; however, it is the first of our Bible colleges to achieve this goal.

OAKLAND MISSION - PICTURE & STORY

The Assembly of God Mission, 547 8th Street, Oakland, California, was opened on April 12, 1962 by Mrs. Louella Johnson. In addition to providing food and clothing for the men, services are conducted each night. Ministers from different churches in the area donate their time to the Mission ministry. Every Saturday afternoon is set aside for consultation by laymen to the men who wish to come in for that purpose. Coffee and donuts are served at this time. From 25 to 50 men attend these sessions.

"We are endeavoring to serve as a rehabilitation center . . . to have a place where men can come for counsel and advise and above all, to receive the Word of God."

To keep the Assembly of God Mission operating, contributions must be received to care for the rent, utilities, etc. Mrs. Johnson reports that a number of the churches are faithfully supporting the Mission but much more assistance is badly needed. She also asks for prayer for this very worthy ministry.



A TRIBUTE

The following article appeared in the Ferndale, California, daily newspaper and is submitted in tribute to the late Reverend Clyde Hummel

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It is odd how a person can be attracted to another person who is a complete stranger. We used to notice this dapper, white haired gentleman walking briskly along any one of our country roads on any reasonably fair day. Usually he was bare headed, wearing a sweater, light trousers and always neat. Sometimes he carried a stick — like a staff — which he swung in rhythm with his

stride, a long one for a small man. His face was friendly and always on the brink of a smile so we soon began waving at him. Later our acquaintance expanded to greetings on Main Street, as old friends, though we still had not learned his name and we doubt if he knew ours. Not long ago we found his name was Clyde Hummel, a minister who had pioneered some hinterland churches like one at White Thorn and we could understand why. This week he died a young 87, but we are sure we saw him swinging along a country lane only day before yesterday, jaunty, cheerful and alert . . . a man to be admired.

CA REPRESENTATIVES SECTIONAL CONFERENCE PICTURES



D-CAP Steve Asmuth directed the 1966 Sectional C. A. Representatives Conference, Jan. 21 and 22.



One of featured speakers was Jerry Sheppard, Chairman of the 1965-66 Youth Congress.



Dick Williams, along with Joseph Gerhart, addressed the conference luncheon meeting.



Held at Brigadoon Lodge, Vacaville, the conference included 15 representatives, plus executives.

Wasted or Well Spent?

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Having been reared in the midst of poverty I learned early in life to avoid and prevent waste. As children we were taught from youngest years not to waste food, materials or money. Nothing was to be wasted.

This early training and experience has stayed with me throughout my life. Often after even a small purchase or a minor financial transaction I have asked myself, "Was it a wise transaction? Was the money well spent or wasted?" I am sure that many of you are like this also.

This principle ought to carry over into our moral and spiritual experiences. How are we investing our God-given abilities and talents? Our material substance? Life itself? Are these being wasted or well spent? Wisely or foolishly invested? Are we being prudent or prodigal with the providential gifts we possess?

There is an incident in the life of Christ that brings these questions into sharp, startling focus. The story is told in Mark 14 and also in John 12.

Mary's Act of Devotion

Mary of Bethany slipped into the house where Jesus was dining. She had an alabaster vessel of very expensive perfume. She broke it and poured the entire contents over His head and feet. The rare ointment, described in the text as "spikenard very precious," came from Northern India and was an extremely costly import. The comment of her critics implies that the value of the quantity she poured on the Lord was about the equivalent of \$60.00, which by the monetary standards of that day seemed an incomprehensible extravagance. She poured the entire contents of the flask upon the Lord

Jesus; then gently wiped His feet with her hair.

She did this to express her intense gratitude to Him for what He had done for her. He had delivered her from demonic bondage and the power of sin, and had redeemed her from hell. He had done so much for her and she wanted to do what she could for Him. So she broke her flask of this very costly perfume and lavished it all upon Him.

The Crowd's Reaction

Immediately objections were raised and protests offered: "Why was this waste of the ointment made?" Why such a senseless act? Could she not have restrained her impulse, and contented herself with but a few drops (which would be the normal use of perfume)? "Why," they remonstrated, "this ointment might have been sold for more than \$60.00 and given to charity." "And they murmured against her."

At a glance their objections seem completely valid. Would not a few drops of the highly fragrant ointment have been sufficient? Was this not pure extravagance and irresponsible waste? The objections raised seem logical.

But who were the people who raised the objections? Who made the protests? What was the motive behind the remonstrance? The evangelist John tells us that it was Judas, the traitor, who initiated the objection (John 12:4,5). And John relates, "He said this, not out of any care for the poor, but because he was a thief; he used to pilfer the money put into the common purse, which was in his charge." The professed concern of Judas for the poor was only a hypocritical coverup for

his own avarice. The others who joined in the complaint and murmured against the woman were merely reechoing his hypocritical protest.

This is the usual story. When anyone makes any sort of sacrifice for Jesus Christ and His cause there are always some who complain and express indignation. When a gifted young person pours out his talents at Jesus' feet, in submission to His will, there are always some to murmur: "Why this

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MORE MISSIONS (from page 9)

INEZ KREISS is booked to sail from Bombay in May. She is extremely tired. Pray for extra strength for the time remaining.

VERNON AND MARTHA PETTENDER are returning to South Africa March 2. They are deeply grateful for the complete success of eye surgery Vernon experienced recently. With a contact lense he is able to read and drive normally. Free land has been offered by the government for evangelistic centers and tent revivals.

Compassion Spans Oceans Of World Ministry

Lois Cole, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ed Cole, was recently featured in the local newspaper, Santa Cruz Sentinel, for her interest in the children of the world. Lois, who sparked the Scotts Valley school's adoption program, is shown with a Christian Children's Fund photo of needy children. Scotts Valley school adopted Fok Hing Wah, a Chinese boy in Hong Kong.



Lois Cole

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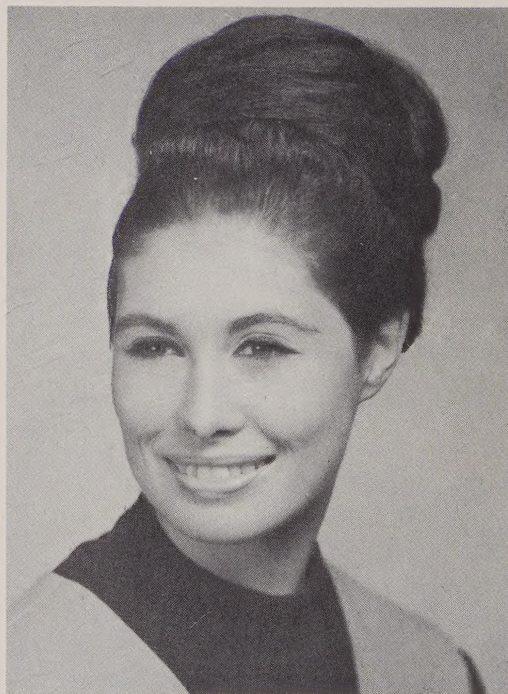
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MARI NEELY, guest speaker

Rev. and Mrs. Louis Neely have had several Evangelistic campaigns in our District and will be leaving in April for Brazil, Africa and Lebanon. Mrs. Neely is an unusual speaker with a very challenging message.



1 (Below)—Crowd of over 120 who attended the second annual "Commanders' Conference" for Royal Ranger Leaders and Councilmen and all those interested. El Sobrante Assembly of God was the host church for the occasion.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

E. L. COLE, President

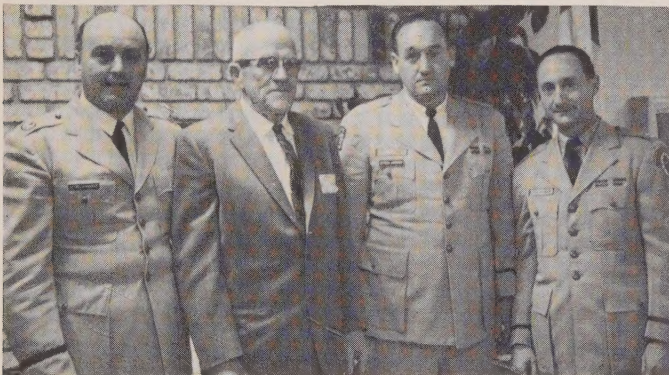


2 (Top left)—Left to right: Rev. Bob Reid, District Commander for Southern California, speaker of the day; Mr. Bill Toliver, Mr. Glen Toliver, and Mr. Charles Howard, Medal of Achievement winners in this District. They won the Medal of Achievement by completing the entire Leadership Training Course for Commanders. Rev. E. L. Cole, District Commander of Northern California-Nevada.

3. (Below) Part of the crowd enjoying fried chicken and hot biscuits prepared by the Church.

4. (left, center)—Three of the first Outpost in the District to receive District Certification are: Mr. Glen Toliver, Manteca; Mr. Bob Combs, Bethel San Jose; and Mr. E. D. DeLosier of Cottonwood. Not shown is Mr. Bill Harrah of Boyes Hot Springs.

5. (Left, below)—Rev. Cole is shown with Mr. Axland, Sectional Commander Toliver, and Outpost Commander Glen Toliver. Mr. Axland is a charter member of the Manteca Assembly of God who was saved in 1903—and today is an active member of the Royal Rangers Council of his home church.



Wasted or Well Spent?

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waste?" When consecrated Christians give their means to the cause of Christ, especially for foreign missionary work, there are always those who indignantly ask: "Why this waste? Why was it not given to charity at home?"

When in the providence and permissive will of God, lives are sacrificed in the work of world evangelization—as was recently the case in Africa's Congo—there are always some who piously, even indignantly, raise the question: "Why was this waste made?" Who are the ones who usually raise the objecting questions? Are they the ones who are giving to charity? Are they going out of their way to help the poor? Is their hand of help being extended to the needy? Are they sacrificing anything to help the poor? Are they genuinely concerned for the poor? Or is it that they are avaricious and materially minded and covet the bounty for themselves? Are they themselves not greedy? Are they seeking praise of men—commendation for a professed benevolence that they do not actually have? Are these fault-finders really humanitarians? Do they really possess the compassion they profess and vaunt?

Who of those involved in this occurrence was really guilty of waste and misspending, and who, conversely, spent wisely that which was possessed? What happened to Judas, the one who pretended such great piety and compassion? It was he who later betrayed his Master for money—"thirty pieces of silver"—and it was he who afterwards threw down those 30 pieces of silver in despair at the feet of the men to whom he had betrayed Jesus, and then he went out and hanged himself. Did this man have a true sense of values? Was he in a position to judge the sacrificial acts of others? Did he have a right to say, "Why was the waste of the ointment made?" He wrecked his life by greed and avarice and an amoral estimation of values. His perverted sense of values wrecked and ruined his life and brought him to misery and despair—and to eternal condemnation. The Bible calls him "the son of perdition." What right had such a man to judge what others did for Jesus Christ?

What about Mary? Did she "waste" her possession? Did she do foolishly? Was her act an error? No!

Jesus was deeply pleased with her sacrifice and commended her highly

for it. "Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? She hath wrought a good work on me. She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying." He memorialized her perpetually with the promise: "Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her."

Who spent well and who wasted? Who was wise and who was guilty of folly? Who had the true sense of values and who the blurred vision? Who was true and who was vain?

Home Missionary's Prayer

Out where the loneliness presses
around me,
Looking on sights that are sordid
and drear,
Strangely abiding—yet surely God
called me.
Why do I wonder if Jesus is near?

Strangeness of living, strangeness
of people;
Have I not come with a gospel
of cheer?
Why is my heart then depressed
with its burdens?
Isn't my Comrade, my Jesus, out here?

God, teach me quickly to do without
friendship,
How to let go of those that are dear;
How to be rid of this self that so
binds me.
Surely my Master, my Jesus is here!

He who was God took the form
of a servant,
Humbled himself unto death
without fear;
Lonely, forsaken, despised and
rejected,
My blessed Saviour, my Jesus,
came here.

Lord, let me snatch precious souls
from the judgment
That fast approaches for all who
are lost.
This is the joy that I know Thou
canst give me.
What a price You paid; how little
my cost!

(Written by a missionary to
American Indians.)

Our Response

When men and women give their substance to Jesus Christ—even to the point of what may seem undue sacrifice—because they love Him as their Saviour and Lord, let us not criticize but rather commend them. When young people give their lives in service to the cause of Christ in the world, even if it leads to suffering and martyrdom, let us not question God's providence or their prudence, but let us rather commend them for their devotion and continue to trust His wisdom and power. To do this we need to keep in mind the words of Jesus in Mark 8:35: "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it."

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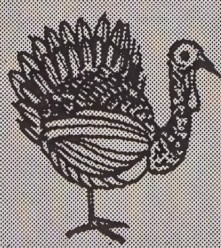
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